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Illinois DNR Newsbits – October 2015

Resident Archery Deer and Fall Turkey Permits: The Illinois Archery Deer and Illinois Archery Fall Turkey seasons are open Oct. 1, 2015-Jan. 17, 2016 (archery closed Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6 in counties with firearm deer season). Resident combination archery deer permits, resident antlerless-only archery deer permits, and resident archery fall turkey hunting permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Find a vendor near you at this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>

Non-Resident Deer and Turkey Permits: The remaining non-resident Illinois Archery Deer Combination Permits and non-resident Archery Fall Turkey Permits are available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Season dates are Oct. 1, 2015-Jan. 17, 2016 (archery closed on Nov. 20-22 and Dec 3-6 in counties with firearm deer season). Find a license and permit vendor near you at this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>

Illinois Waterfowl Digest: Review this season's Illinois waterfowl regulations with the *Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2015-2016*, available online on the IDNR website at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/DigestWaterfowlHuntingRegulations.pdf>

Remaining Firearm Deer Permits: Illinois firearm and muzzleloader deer county permits that remain available following the third lottery drawing can be purchased over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors beginning Oct. 20 through Dec. 6 (or until quotas are exhausted). Find a vendor near you at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

Public Areas Hunting Report: The latest edition of the IDNR *Illinois Public Areas Hunting Report* – with details on public lands hunting effort and harvest – is available online on the IDNR website at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/IllinoisPublicHuntingAreasReport.pdf>

Fort Massac Encampment: The annual Fort Massac Encampment is Sat., Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Metropolis, IL. 921**15

The annual encampment festival celebrates the history of Fort Massac from the mid-18th to early 19th centuries. Re-enactors bring to life the history of the era with crafts, military drills, music, children's games, and mock battles. A Military Units Salute and fireworks show on the Ohio Riverfront is at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday. Encampment admission is free. For more information, call 618-524-4712.

Fall Colors Weekend: Enjoy Fall Colors Weekend on Oct. 17-18 at Starved Rock State Park in La Salle Co. Guided hikes leave the Visitor Center at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days.

ICF 2016 Calendar: The Illinois Conservation Foundation's annual Illinois Wall Calendar is now available. Proceeds from the sale of the beautiful 2016 ICF Wall Calendar support a variety of youth education programs in Illinois, such as outreach efforts at the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center, and the Torstenson Education Station, a traveling trailer equipped with hands-on equipment that teachers and youth group leaders can use to support a number of programs. Order the calendar through the ICF website at www.ilcf.org or by phone at 217-785-2003.

Safari Club Supports Hunter Education: The IDNR Safety Education Section salutes the Safari Club International Illinois Chapter for a recent donation of audio-visual equipment to the IDNR Hunter Education Program. The club's donation of three projection units will assist field staff in conducting training sessions and in safety education classroom presentations throughout Illinois. For IDNR Safety Education information, go online to www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety.

Donate to Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger: Hunters are encouraged to donate whole deer to the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger program to help Illinois families in need. Participating meat processors turn the donated deer into ground venison for delivery to food banks and charities in Illinois. For more information on the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger program, including a list of participating meat processors, check the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov/programs/ISAH.

Oil and Gas Board: The Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board will meet on Wed., Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Illinois Oil and Gas Association, 824 Ill. Route 15, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact the IDNR Office of Oil and Gas Resource Management at 217-782-7756.

Sangchris Lake Trapping Permit Drawing: A public drawing for the allocation of a trapping permit for Sangchris Lake State Park will be held on Sat., Oct. 17 at 1:00 p.m. (registration begins at 12:30 p.m.) at the site headquarters, located approximately six miles southeast of Rochester. One permit for two trapping zones will be allocated through the drawing (the sub-impoundment area is now included as another zone open to trapping at Sangchris Lake). Two names will be allowed on the permit, and only those individuals listed will be allowed to trap. All persons entering the drawing must have a current 2015 Illinois trapping license in their possession. Persons whose names are drawn must be in attendance at the drawing. Starting Feb. 1, 2016 until the end of the trapping season on March 31, 2016, Sangchris Lake will open to statewide regulations, meaning that any individual with a valid 2015 trapping permit who is interested in trapping at the site can do so (beaver, muskrat, and river otter only). All persons

who trap at Sangchris Lake, including the drawing winner and partner, must obtain a free windshield card permit through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. For more information, contact Sangchris Lake State Park, 9898 Cascade Road, Rochester, IL 62563 or phone 217-498-9208 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Beaver Dam Trapping Permits: Two trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 at the site headquarters of Beaver Dam State Park, 14548 Beaver Dam Lane, Plainview, IL 62685. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the drawing will be held at 11:00 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated areas from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2016, and include the extended spring season for mink and muskrat through Feb. 15, 2016, and beaver and otter trapping which are allowed through March 31, 2016. A 2014 or 2015 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Beaver Dam State Park at 217-854-8020.

Coffeen Lake Trapping: Trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held Friday, Oct. 30, 2015 at the site headquarters of Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, 15084 N. 4th Avenue, Coffeen, IL 62017. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the drawing will be held at 11:00 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated areas from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2016, and include the extended spring season for mink and muskrat through February 15, 2016, and beaver and otter trapping which are allowed through March 31, 2016. A 2014 or 2015 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area at 217-537-3351.

Ramsey Lake Trapping Permits: The IDNR will conduct a public drawing for allocation of trapping permits for Ramsey Lake State Recreation Area on Friday, Oct. 30 at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on that date at the site office, located approximately two miles northwest of Ramsey, IL in Fayette Co. One permit for each of two trapping zones will be allocated through the drawing. Two names are allowed on each permit, and only those names listed will be allowed to trap. All persons entering the drawing must have a current or previous-year trapping license in their possession. Persons whose names are drawn must be in attendance at the drawing on Oct. 30. For more information, contact Ramsey Lake SRA, PO Box 97, Ramsey, IL 62080, phone 618-423-2215.

Sam Parr, Crawford County Trapping Permits: Sam Parr SFWA and Crawford County SFWA will be opened for trapping beginning November 10, 2015. Permits for trapping at the sites will be allocated at a drawing to be held at the Sam Parr SFWA Office at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2015. Permit applicants may submit to the site office prior to the drawing their name, address, phone number, date of birth, and number of traps (water sets only) available for use. The successful applicant must have a valid trapping license and habitat stamp in addition to a site permit to trap at the sites. For additional information, contact the Site Superintendent at 618-783-2661 or the District Wildlife Biologist at 217-345-2420.